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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This communication is responsive to the office action mailed March 22, 2006 in the above identified patent application.

In the referenced office action, the Examiner asserted that "Applicant's attorney did not respond to paragraph 1 and 2 of the last Office action of October 5, 2005." Applicant's attorney was given one month to complete the response.

Reconsideration of the matter is respectfully requested as Applicant's attorney believes that the January 4, 2006 response to the Office action of October 5, 2005 was complete.

Paragraph 1 of the October 5 office action stated:

> 1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the method steps of claim 8 must be shown **or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s)**. No new matter should be entered.

Paragraph 1 required that one of two options be chosen. Only one option required new drawings. Applicant's attorney selected the second option, i.e., cancellation from claim 8 of the method steps not shown in the drawings. As stated at page 5 of Applicant's response to the October 5 office action,

> Claim 8 was rejected on the ground that the drawings and specification did not satisfy the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 8 has been amended to substitute "base stations" for "apparatuses". The provision of base stations connected by cables is clearly disclosed in Fig. 2 of the drawings and paragraphs 0035, 0036, 0047 and 0052 of the specification. Clearly, the applicant had possession of the invention, as now recited in claim 8, and provided sufficient written description of it in the specification and drawings.

In the response, claim 8 was amended as follows.

> 8 (currently amended). A method for the communication of mobile users subsystems in a telecommunications network for mobile users, said telecommunications network for mobile users providing wireless communication to wireless mobile users subsystems by means of an access subsystem and a transport subsystem, said access subsystem ~~comprising~~having:
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> one or more radio base stations exchanging data signals and voice with said wireless mobile user subsystems through a radio user-access communication interface,

one or more radio network controllers controlling operation of one or more of said radio base stations, each radio network controller connecting said access subsystem to said transport subsystem by means of a transport-access communication interface, wherein said method comprises providing ~~provides for~~ additional ~~apparatuses~~ base stations for connection between said wireless mobile user subsystems and a radio network controller, and cable connections between respective ones of said additional ~~apparatus~~ base stations and said wireless mobile user subsystems for allowing the communication.

Each and every one of the steps of claim 8 as amended is shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings as originally filed. Claim 8, as amended, is reproduced below in clean form with reference numerals to show correspondence to Fig. 2.

8 (currently amended). A method for the communication of mobile users subsystems [STU] in a telecommunications network for mobile users [UNET], said telecommunications network for mobile users [UNET] providing wireless communication to wireless mobile users subsystems [STU] by means of an access subsystem [STA+] and a transport subsystem [STT], said access subsystem [STA+] having:

one or more radio base stations [SRB] exchanging data signals and voice [TS] with said wireless mobile user subsystems [STU]

through a radio user-access communication interface [Uu],

one or more radio network controllers [CRR] controlling operation of one or more of said radio base stations [SRB], each radio network controller [CRR] connecting said access subsystem [STA+] to said transport subsystem [STT] by means of a transport-access communication interface [Iu], wherein said method comprises providing additional base stations [SCB] for connection between said wireless mobile user subsystems [STU] and a radio network controller [CRR], and cable connections [TS] between respective ones of said additional base stations [SCB] and said wireless mobile user subsystems [STU] for allowing the communication.

Paragraph 2 of the October 5 office action specified the method for submitting corrected drawings and, since no new drawings were required in view of the above, was not applicable.

Accordingly, it is believed that Applicant's communication of January 4, 2006 was fully responsive. Should the Examiner disagree, a more detailed explanation of any deficiencies in the response of

January 4, 2006 is respectfully requested. Applicant's Attorney made numerous attempts to confer with the Examiner by telephone calls directly to the Examiner and through his supervisors in order to obtain the requested information but was unable to reach the Examiner.

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